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DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Press Briefing
August 5, 2021

de.gov/covidvaccine

STATE OF DELAWARE

DATA UPDATE

135.9

New Cases

7-day Average

4.3%

Positive Tests

7-day Average

53

Hospitalizations

1,833

Lives Lost

View more COVID-19 data: de.gov/healthycommunity

STATE OF DELAWARE

VACCINE UPDATE

**Total Vaccines
Administered**

1,096,340

**Fully
Vaccinated**

515,850

70.8%

Delawareans 12+
at least one dose

73%

Delawareans 18+
at least one dose

94.8%

Delawareans 65+
at least one dose

Data as of: August 4, 2021 - 6:00am

CDC Data: covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations

Unvaccinated individuals are prolonging the pandemic

In Delaware, those **not fully vaccinated** account for:

- **99% of cases**
- **99.4% of hospitalizations**
- **98.7% of deaths**

Data from January 1, 2021 through mid-July

Source: <https://www.kff.org/policy-watch/covid-19-vaccine-breakthrough-cases-data-from-the-states/>

de.gov/getmyvaccine

Here's the deal:

- ▶ We want **kids in school full time**
- ▶ We want businesses to **remain open with no restrictions**
- ▶ We want to **move on and rebuild** from this crisis

Get vaccinated so we can.

Vaccination rates vary by age group

Age	Statewide	New Castle County	Kent County	Sussex County
12-17	44.0%	51.0%	35.7%	31.9%
18-34	45.7%	50.9%	34.6%	40.1%
35-49	58.3%	62.5%	50.1%	53.0%
50-64	71.9%	73.8%	67.3%	71.0%
65+	93.2%	92.2%	88.4%	97.0%

Not enough young adults are getting vaccinated

They are at greater risk of serious illness, hospitalization,
and spreading the virus to others who are
immunocompromised.

SUSSEX COUNTY:

**40.1% of
Delawareans 18-34
received at least 1 dose**

**97% of
Delawareans 65+
received at least 1 dose**

AREAS OF FOCUS

- **CDC guidance: universal masking in schools**
- **Ways to increase staff vaccination at long-term care and other health care facilities**

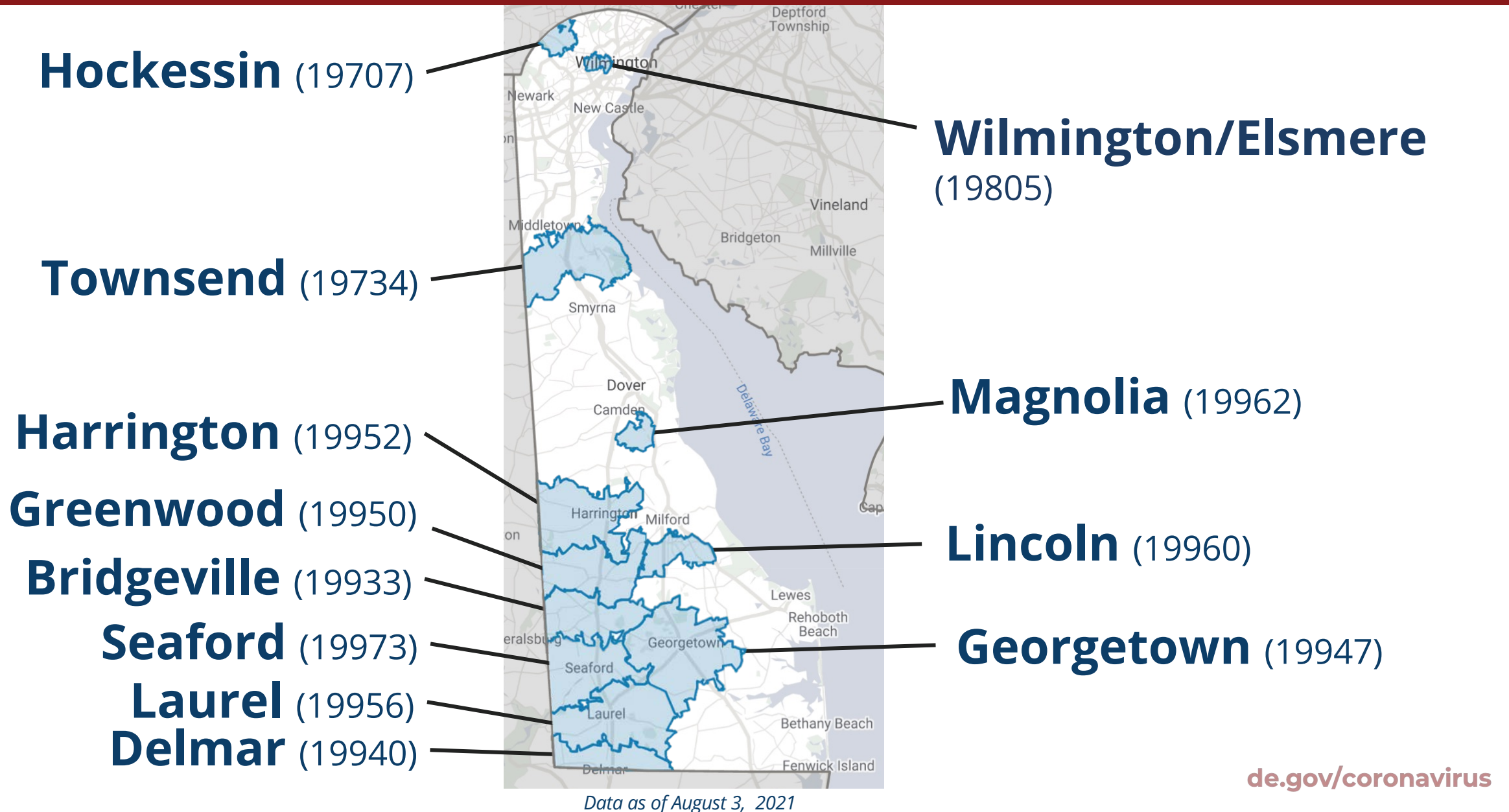
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Areas of Concern



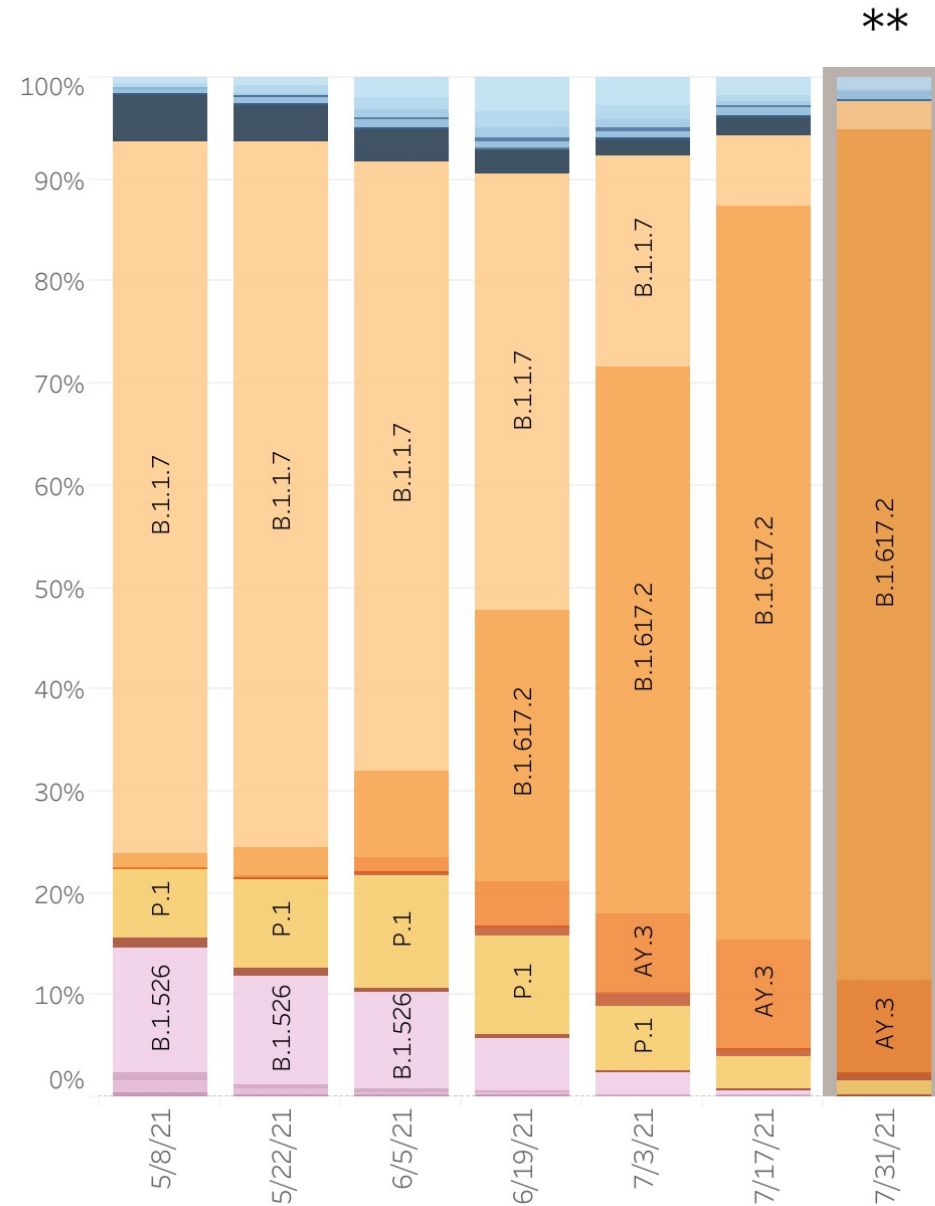
COVID VARIANTS IN DELAWARE

Variants of Concern	Variant	Origin	# of Cases
	Alpha/B.1.1.7	United Kingdom	989
	Beta/B.1.351	South Africa	1
	Gamma/P.1	Brazil	63
	Delta/B.1.617.2	India	55
Variants of Interest	Eta/B.1.525	UK/Nigeria (formerly New York, US)	2
	Iota/B.1.526	New York, US	329
	Epsilon/B.1.427	California, US	10
	Epsilon/B.1.429	California, US	11

GROWTH OF THE DELTA VARIANT IN U.S.

Source: CDC - <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions>

United States: 4/25/2021 – 7/31/2021



DELTA VARIANT

Vaccination is the best way to end this pandemic.

- **Vaccines are effective against death, hospitalization, and from all variant strains, including Delta.**
- **The majority of all COVID-19 infections happen in unvaccinated individuals.**
- **Unvaccinated persons are at greater risk for serious illness from Delta.**



COVID-19 Testing Recommendations

Unvaccinated Persons:

- Get tested once a week
- **AFTER EXPOSURE TO COVID-19:**
 - Get tested **5-7 days** after exposure
 - **Quarantine at home if exposed** to someone with COVID-19
 - **Isolate at home immediately if you develop symptoms** of COVID-19

Fully Vaccinated Persons:

- **AFTER EXPOSURE TO COVID-19:**
 - Get tested **3-5 days** after exposure
 - Wear a **face mask for 14 days** or until the test **result comes back negative**
 - Quarantine is not necessary, but **if you develop symptoms**, stay home and get tested

TESTING OPTIONS

KNOW YOUR
COVID-19 STATUS



Fixed locations:

- **Pharmacies**
- **DPH static vaccination sites**

Testing is now available at:

- **Georgetown Plaza, Georgetown**
- **Oxford/University Plaza, Newark**
- **Blue Hen Corporate Center, Dover**
- **Canby Park Location, Wilm.**



Community Locations: **Curative**

Search for testing sites near you:

de.gov/gettested

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At-Home Tests:

- **Vault** (PCR, free)
- **LabCorp** (Pixel) for symptomatic or high-risk individuals
- **Delaware Libraries Take Home Kits**
 - Free, rapid antigen test kits for home use
 - Library cards are not required
 - Do not come to a library if symptomatic; go to a fixed or community testing locations.



School Testing: **Quidel Corporation**

- Free, rapid antigen testing for staff and students of K-12 schools and child care facilities
- Learn more: dhssschooltest.com

BACK-TO-SCHOOL VACCINATION CLINICS



**First Dose
Clinic:**

**Thursday, August 19
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Second Dose
Clinic:**

**Thursday, September 9
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Howard High School of Technology

401 E 12th Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

William Penn High School

713 E Basin Road
New Castle, DE 19720

Lake Forest Central Elementary School

5424 Killens Pond Road
Felton, DE 19943

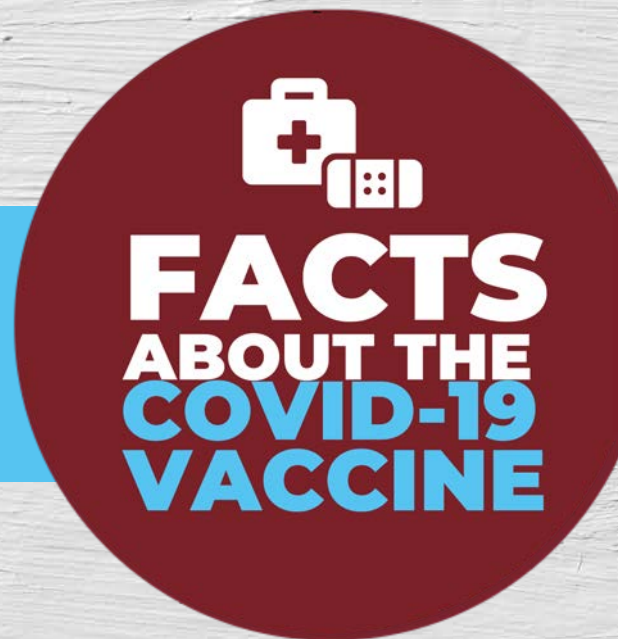
Seaford Middle School

500 E Stein Highway
Seaford, DE 19973

**The Pfizer vaccine is approved for individuals 12 years and older.
Children under 18 must have a parental or guardian consent.**

Questions about COVID-19 vaccines?

ASK A SCHOOL NURSE



**Monday, August 16, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

Submit questions in advance to:
education.covid@doe.k12.de.us



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